

MEDICARE PROVIDER FEEDBACK TOWN HALL MEETING

September 12, 2005

2:00 - 4:00 PM EST

On September 12, 2005, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) will convene a Medicare Provider Feedback Town Hall meeting. **We encourage all individual providers, physicians and suppliers to participate in this exciting forum.** The meeting will provide the Agency with an open and public venue to interact with individual Medicare providers, physicians, and suppliers and obtain their opinions on a variety Medicare policy and operational issues. It will be held in CMS' auditorium located at 7500 Security Boulevard in Baltimore, Maryland and via teleconference.

This meeting is a valuable opportunity for the Medicare provider and supplier community to provide feedback on issues that are important to them. This feedback will be vital to the Agency as we strive to implement innovative strategies that integrate input from our Medicare providers and suppliers and incorporate their perceptions and opinions into our work.

The following topics will be discussed at the meeting:

- Minimizing standard paper remittance advice (SPR) notices and its effect on individual physicians and provider/supplier practices;
- Important information for individual physicians and providers/suppliers on CMS' implementation of the National Provider Identifier (NPI);
- Implementation of Medicare Contracting Reform and its impact on individual physicians and providers/suppliers;
- Discussion on the proposed rule for the 2006 physician fee schedule;
- Effect of a revised payment system for Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) facility services; and
- Individual perspectives from hospitals on how Medicare pays for new technologies.

CMS will provide a brief overview of each topic and provide an opportunity for meeting participants to provide feedback on the topics presented.

Meeting Registration Details

Individuals interested in attending the meeting and providing feedback, either in person or by teleconference, must complete the online registration located at <http://registration.mshow.com/cms2/>. **We encourage you to complete your registration as soon as possible.** Registration after 12 p.m. on September 9, 2005 will delay confirmation and you may not be permitted entrance to the building if participating in person.

A digital audio recording of the meeting will be available after 6:00 pm EST on September 12 through midnight on September 14. To listen the audio recording of the meeting, you must complete the online registration.

CMS may conduct follow-up meetings with registered participants to solicit additional opinions and/or clarify any issues that may arise during the September 12, 2005 meeting. The information gathered from the town hall and subsequent meetings will serve as feedback on CMS provider/supplier communication activities and related topics.

Meeting Participation Details

In person. All persons attending the meeting in person will be required to show a photographic identification, preferably a valid driver's license, and be listed on an approved security list before entering.

Via teleconference. To participate by teleconference, dial: **1-877-357-7851** and reference the **Conference ID: 7970566**.

Additional Questions/Information

For questions or additional information about the Medicare Provider Feedback Town Hall Meeting, please contact Eva Tetteyio at **MFG@cms.hhs.gov**.